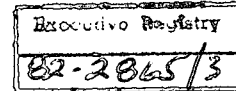


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Mr. William von Raab  
Commissioner of Customs  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20229

30 DEC 1982

Dear Mr. von Raab:

Thank you for your letter of 6 December 1982 with the copy of your second letter to high technology businessmen. The tips provided by [redacted] show that your efforts are succeeding. Your transmittal of them to the other firms is another significant step toward stemming the illegal flow of technology.

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Your letter is particularly encouraging to me because it demonstrates something I have felt all along -- that the American high technology industry will act to stop the flow given an adequate description of the problem and cooperative Government policies. The [redacted] tips, stimulated by your June letter, are supportive of this belief.

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We continue to be impressed with the effectiveness of Operation EXODUS. Your first year's statistics -- some 700 seizures worth \$60M -- indicate that the Soviets are feeling the pinch of your efforts.

Sincerely,

/S/ John N. McMahon

John N. McMahon  
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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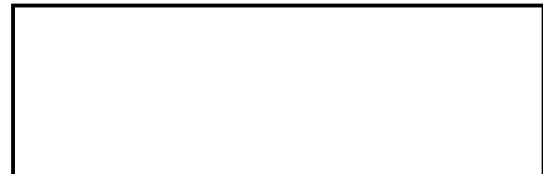
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of  
Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Letter to Mr. William von Raab

Attached is a response to a letter from  
Mr. William von Raab, the Commissioner of Customs.  
Mr. von Raab is continuing to keep you informed  
of his communications with 1600 C.E.O.'s of high  
technology firms.

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Robert M. Gates

Attachment:  
As stated

